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SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that most of the schools are not able to get the required films and that within the required time and that there are not sufficient number of films in the Central Film Library to meet the requirement of all schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are trying to get as many films as possible, and if the present stock of films does not meet the requirements of all schools, we shall try to increase their number or consider the suggestion of the hon. Member to issue licences for private libraries."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I suggest to Government to exhibit these films in all schools free of charge? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is very easy to suggest that everything should be shown free, Sir."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" Are the Government satisfied that these supplies of films are serving any useful purpose in the matter of education, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Before we purchase any film, the quality of the film and the subject matter of the film are taken into account and then only it is purchased and distributed to the schools. We are convinced that it is serving some useful purpose."

Strength of the Girls' section of the Government Basic Training School for Women, Cuddalore.

* 51 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the strength of the Girls' section of the Government Basic Training School for Women in Cuddalore in the year 1952–53 and in the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—

	1952–53.	1953–54.
" Junior Basic Grade I Year ..	49	45
II Year ..	40	49
	89	94 "

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" In view of the great rush of the backward communities in all the Government Basic Training Schools, will the Government try to increase the seats in the schools by at least 50 per cent? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We cannot be going on increasing the seats in the schools indefinitely. With reference to the rush of the backward community students to these institutions, simply because of the rush, we cannot

indefinitely increase the number of seats. We should remember that we have to provide jobs for all these people after their study is over. They have got to be absorbed. That is not such an easy matter.

" In fact we are considering the question of increasing the number of Basic Schools. I think that will to some extent meet the rush to which the hon. Member had just referred."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know how many backward community students are reading in these schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sure there are a large number of backward community students reading in these Basic Schools."

Price of films offered for sale to Government by private exhibitors.

* 52 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state with reference to Legislative Council starred question No. 49 answered on 20th March 1953—

(*a*) the number of films (silent and sound) offered now for sale by private exhibitors;

(*b*) the basis on which depreciation has been calculated by the Government in fixing their present price;

(*c*) the number of films in respect of which the price fixed has been agreed to by the Exhibitors;

(*d*) the steps proposed to be taken in case of films in respect of which the price fixed is considered low by the Exhibitors; and

(*e*) the use to which the films to be purchased by the Government are going to be put?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 311 films.

" (*b*) The prices of the films were fixed by the expert (Special Officer for Films, Central Polytechnic) taking into consideration the condition of the films (presence of scratches, torn-sprocket holes, etc.), the date of purchase of the films, the approximate number of times the films have been run and other relevant factors affecting the life and quality of the films.

" (*c*) 309 films.

" (*d*) The proprietor has taken back the remaining two films.

" (*e*) The films purchased by the Government are being lent to the schools on terms of hire from the Central Film Library of the Director of Public Instruction's office."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Was there any demand, Sir, from private exhibitors that a Committee should go into the question of charging depreciation? "